

OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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Please join us on July 9

Thursday, July 9, at 5:00 in the afternoon we will celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Olympic Coast Discovery Center and the official opening of "Secrets of the Deep." Please join us for a fun afternoon! We'll have cake, a lot of special guests, and a no-host social in the Wine Bar.

Thank you volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the OCDC since Memorial Day, with a special thanks to our top volunteers: Jim and Becky Jewell, Bruce Ferguson, and Jim Fedderly have volunteered twenty or more hours; Nicky Andrews, Lisbeth Jardine, Mary Canaan, and Art and Veronica Ayres have worked 10 or more hours. We still need LOTS more volunteers during the busy summer months, so if you haven't been in yet please call 456-6622 ext 31 or stop by and sign up for a shift or two.

Marine Mammal Strandings

Yesterday visitors to the Discovery Center asked about the elephant seal on Ediz Hook and also about a seal pup apparently stranded on the rocks just north of our building. In case you are asked similar questions, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- *Marine mammals strand for a number of complex reasons not completely understood by scientists.
- *Leave stranded animals alone! Do not try to move, feed, or pour water on them.
- *Stay a safe distance away, but if possible determine the species, size, condition, and if the animal is tagged. A photo is helpful if you can take one.
- *Notify an ONP ranger or call the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary at 360/457-6622 or NOAA Fisheries at 206/526-6733.

Reporting marine mammal stranding is probably the best way you can help stranded animals.

For more information is available on the OCNMS website at http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/living/marine_wildlife/marine_mammals/strand.html



**Seal pups rest on shore!
Do not disturb them!
It's the law.**

**Do NOT disturb
marine mammals!**



It is a VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW to disturb, molest, pick up or harass marine mammals in any way.

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Calling all Junior Oceanographers!

If you know a student who would like to learn more about marine animals and the ocean environment, please encourage them to participate in the Junior Oceanographer program. Sessions for students ages 7 to 9 will be July 13 through 16, and sessions for 10 to 12 year olds are August 10 through 13. All classes are 10:00 to noon at the Feiro Marine Life Center. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information, or to register, contact Hannah Robbins or Deborah Moriarty at (360)417-6254 or stop by the center between 10:00 and 5:00 daily. The cost is \$30 per student, and scholarships are available.



Hey Kids!

Want to become a Junior Oceanographer?

Come and be an Ocean Explorer and learn about marine animals, participate in nautical activities, and meet marine biologists.

**Join us at the
Feiro Marine Life Center
(located on the waterfront pier)**

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